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NO SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL PRODUCED THROUGH THE USE OF SUCH MATERIAL, BE RETRANSFERRED "TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY OTHER NATION OR GROUP OF NATIONS" UNLESS THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE U. S. IS OBTAINED FOR SUCH RETRANSFER.

THE SENATE REPORT ON THE NEW LEGISLATION INDICATES:

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FOREGOING RESPONSE RELATES TO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW LAW AND DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE U. S. (OR PARTIES WITH WHICH IT IS NEGOTIATING) FROM SEEKING ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES OR RIGHTS DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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6. THIS PROVISION OF THE LAW IS AMBIGUOUS IN ITS APPLICATION TO EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES. IT IS RELEVANT TO NOTE THAT THE SENATE REPORT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

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SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPROCESSING IN THE EXEMPTED FACILITIES AND RELATED RETRANSFERS. THE APPROVAL OF REPROCESSING IN THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WOULD COME UNDER SUBSECTION 303 B (3): WINDSCALE (UK), MARCOULE AND LA HAGUE (FRANCE), EUROCHEMIC (BELGIUM), WAK (FRG), AND TOKAI-MURA (JAPAN). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARD DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION

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